

Breast Pump Purchasing Guidelines

Policy

USDA Federal Regulations:

(b) *What costs may I charge to the food grant?* (1) The State agency may use food funds for costs of:

- (iii) Purchasing and renting breast pumps.

USDA Breastfeeding Policy and Guidance:

Many WIC participants are obtaining breast pumps through health insurers, group health plans, or Medicaid (see Section 5.8 of this chapter: Insurance and Medicaid Coverage of Lactation Services). State and local agencies should first consider these options before providing breast pumps through WIC.

Authority

USDA Federal Regulations: 7 CFR Part 246.14 (2)(b)(iii)

USDA Breastfeeding Policy and Guidance (July 2016): 5.6, A. Breast Pumps are an Allowable Cost, excerpt

Procedures

The William Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 (PL 105-336) authorizes state WIC agencies the use of food funds for the purchase or rental of breast pumps starting in Fiscal Year 1999.

All breast pumps and collection kits are to be purchased using WIC food funds, unless directed differently by the State Office.

Allowable breastfeeding related purchases with WIC food funds include:

- New or reconditioned breast pumps (either purchased or rented for participant use)
- Breast pump collection kits
- Breast pump cases
- Shipping and taxes charged to acquire the breast pumps and breast pump collection kits

If a participant has received a breast pump from a Medicaid Management Care Organization (MCO) and is in need of additional pump collection kits not covered by their plan, these can be issued by the local WIC agency.

Note: All other costs to promote and support breastfeeding must still be charged to the WIC Nutrition Services and Administration (NSA) breastfeeding grant. See Policy “Nutrition Services and Administration (NSA) Costs” for breastfeeding expenditures that must be

charged to WIC NSA funds.

Note: Per the USDA Breastfeeding Policy and Guidance (July 2016), many WIC participants are obtaining pumps through health insurers, group health plans, or Medicaid. State and local agencies should first consider these options before providing breast pumps through WIC.

Quarterly Interest and Breast Pump Report

In your agency's Quarterly Breast Pump Report include only the number and type of breast pumps and collection kits purchased for WIC participants for that quarter. Copies of invoices or bills for all breast pumps, rental fees, and/or collection kits should be maintained in your agency's file.

Note: WIC agency staff may purchase a breast pump or collection kit from the agency at the current purchase price.